

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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Representative Hundertmark:

As I have previously discussed with Bob Conlin, certain dates in this draft might prove to be unrealistic given that the earliest possible date of enactment into law would be sometime in October or November 2001 and that a likely date of enactment might not be until sometime in the spring of 2002. Those dates are as follows:

1. The December 1, 2001, deadline for applying for a workforce diversity grant, the January 1, 2002, deadline for awarding those grants, and the September 1, 2002, deadline for reporting on the effectiveness of the program.
2. The January 1, 2001, initial applicability date for the productivity enhancement training tax credit and the changes to the development zone tax credit program.
3. The provision of funding for the workplace diversity grant program and the job skills development program only for the 2001-02 fiscal year.

Accordingly, you might wish to have this draft redrafted to provide for more realistic time frames. One option would be to key the deadlines for the workplace diversity grant program to the effective date of the draft, e.g., "by the first day of the xth month beginning after publication ...". Another option would be to apply the tax credits to tax years beginning on January 1, 2002. Similarly, you could push back funding for the workplace diversity grant program and the job skills development program to the 2002-03 fiscal year or prorate that funding for the remaining months of the 2001-02 fiscal year. Indeed, you could eliminate or prorate all 2001-02 fiscal year funding under the draft, i.e., for the preapprenticeship skills training and the apprenticeship marketing programs as well.

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